

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad
FROM : R. H. Devons
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office, 7133
DATE: 3/23/69
1 - Mr. Frazier

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Mr. Richard Bernabei, Department of Classics, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, has forwarded to the Bureau a copy of a letter to SA Robert A. Frazier, FBI Laboratory, and a monograph dealing with certain aspects of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy and opinions expressed by the Warren Commission: The original of the letter to SA Frazier and the monograph are attached.

The monograph discusses the telescope sight alignment on the assassination rifle and the comments made by the Warren Commission concerning certain hypothetical questions put to SA Frazier when he testified before the Commission and information furnished the Commission by letter dated 3/26/64, concerning speed-accuracy tests performed by Laboratory personnel at the Commission's request.

SA Frazier testified before the Commission that not only was the telescope sight loose when received from the Dallas Police Department (apparently it was removed in searching for latent fingerprints) but showed a damaged area at the rear of the sight tube which could have resulted in internal damage or bending of the sight mount or tube.

Therefore, the comments of Mr. Bernabei in his monograph cannot be related to conditions existing at the time of the assassination and serve no useful purpose. Further, Mr. Bernabei accuses the Director of making false statements in the above-referred-to letter to the Commission, an accusation which is completely without foundation in fact.

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Enclosures - (2)

1 - Mr. Tolson
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Although there is no record in the Bureau files
identifiable with the contributor, the fact that he has taken
material out of context, twisted the facts and seen fit to
draw erroneous conclusions shows he is neither trustworthy
nor accurate.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Mr. Bernabei has
unwarrantably accused the Director of making false statements,
it is recommended that no acknowledgement be made of his
letter or any further similar correspondence from this
individual.

"no written response made and signed
by Commissioner on 8/26/63
JLW"

Ron

AS